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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT
AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): M. MORISHIMA et al.

Serial No. : 10/635,821

Filed : August 5, 2003

For : IMAGE COMPARISON APPARATUS, IMAGE
COMPARISON METHOD, AND PROGRAM FOR
CAUSING COMPUTER TO EXECUTE IMAGE
COMPARISON

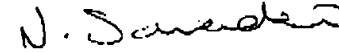
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RESPONSE- 37 CFR 1.111

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This is responsive to the Office Action mailed
October 29, 2004, the term for response to which expires on
November 29, 2004.

ELECTION

Applicants hereby elect Invention I, claims 1-23 and 25-35,
for further prosecution on the merits, without traverse.

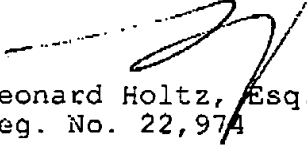
It is respectfully requested that prosecution on the merits
now proceed on the basis of the election set forth above.

It is respectfully submitted that this submission is fully
responsive to the outstanding Office Action.

If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

Respectfully submitted,

November 18, 2004


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